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Paris la Défense, December 16th 2004

Re: Informations Furnished Pursuant to Rule 12g3 - 2 (b) Exemption Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Please find hereby the last information given to our shareholders:

Press information:

- December 15<sup>th</sup> 2004

Sincerely yours.

Finance Department Manager

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The new deadline will allow more time for the decision making process of companies and institutions holding Suez Cement Company shares.

This public tender offer, launched last 6 December, envisages the payment of 80.05 EGP per share, with a premium of over 12% of the average stock market price during the month of November.

Ciments Français already holds 34.1% of the capital of Suez Cement Company acquired during the first phase of the privatisation of the company, launched in 2001 by the Egyptian government.

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